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FOLLOWING REPEAT BELIZE 615, ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON
GUATEMALA KINGSTON 20 JUNE:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BELIZE 615

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CU, BH, JM

SUBJECT: CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN BELIZE

1. EVENING OF JUNE 19, TULIO MARTINEZ DEPUTY AT GUATEMALA
CONSULATE GENERAL HERE VISITED HOME OF E/C OFFICER WALSH
AND IN VERY SHORT MEETING LEFT BEHIND THREE DOCUMENTS WHICH
HE SAID HE WAS BRINGING AT REQUEST OF COLONEL PABLO NUELA,
CONSUL GENERAL. THE THREE ARE 1) PHOTO COPY OF UK AIDE
MEMOIRE SENT FROM BRITISH CONSULATE TO MOFA, GUATEMALA CITY,
DATED 6 JUNE AND REGARDING ALLEGED BUILD UP OF BRITISH
FORCES HERE 2) A PHOTO COPY OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN
UNCLASSIFIED PRESS RELEASE OFF A TELETYPE MACHINE, PROBABLY-
FROM TEXT AND WORDING-BRITISH, DESCRIBING THE ARRIVAL OF THE
GURKHA'S IN JULY, AND 3) A PHOTO COPY OF A SECRET GUATEMALA
DOCUMENT, BEARING DATE LINE GUATEMALA CITY, JUNE 16.

2. DOCUMENT NO. 3 IS ONLY ONE OF ANY PARTICULAR INTEREST.

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IT PURPORTS TO BE AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT ABOUT CUBAN
ACTIVITIES IN BELIZE. TRANSLATION SHOWS FOLLOWING: SUNDAY,
JUNE 11, 1978 AT 0730, CUBAN DC-4, REGISTRY CMBC ARRIVED
BELMOPAN CARRYING VARIOUS MEMBERS CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRY,
INCLUDING MANUEL PINEIRO, OF COUNCIL OF STATE ACFT CAME FROM
JAMAICA. SAME AFCT MAY HAVE BROUGHT CUBAN FONMIN ISIDORO
MALMIERCA DURING HOLY WEEK. ON MARCH 22, 24 PERSONS DE-

PLANED IN BELMOPAN; THEY ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN BELIZEANS IN TRAINING AT INFANTRY SCHOOL IN HOLGUIN, ORIENTE PROVINCE. ANOTHER 20 ARE REPORTED AT SAME PLACE NOW. DOCUMENT GOES ON TO SAY THAT DURING THIS YEAR, THE FOLLOWING CUBANS HAVE VISITED BELIZE: GENERAL OF THE ARMY GUILLERMO GARCIA, COMMANDANT OF MILITARY DIST. OF HAVANA; DR. QUINTIN PINO MACHADO; MRS. HAYDEE SANTIMIA DE HARTH, WIFE OF MINISTER OF ED., DR. ARMANDO HARTH DAVALOS AND "UN OFFICIALS WHO WORK WITH THE CUBAN DELEGATION TO THAT ORGANIZATION" (SIC).

3. COMMENT: WITH ALL THOSE CUBANS AROUND, YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SMELL CIGAR SMOKE. WE-AND TULIO-ARE A GOOD BIT SCEPTICAL ABOUT THIS REPORT. A DC-4 WOULD HAVE TO BE IN PRETTY BAD STRAIGHTS TO LAND AT BELMOPAN AIRSTRIP WHICH IS SMALL AND LACKING IN FACILITIES. SUCH A LANDING COULD HARDLY GO UNNOTICED, LET ALONE A SERIES OF LANDINGS. IT IS INCREDIBLE TO US THAT THE UDP HAS NOT HEARD OF-AND BLASTED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THEIR PAPER-REPORTS OF THIS. GOV. MCENTEE HAS MADE NO REFERENCE TO US OF THESE LANDINGS, AND WE ARE QUITE CERTAIN HE WOULD WANT TO SAY, "I TOLD YOU SO." 4 COPIES POUCHED. NALLE UNQUOTE. VANCE

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